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Lodge Grass district members meet today

Members of the Lodge Grass legislative district of the Crow Indian Tribe will meet today. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the Lodge Grass School Cafeteria.

Newly formed Montana Indian Business Alliance hosts meeting in Billings

for full press release see attachment

The newly formed Montana Indian Business Alliance (MIBA) is an outcome of the historic 2006 Montana Indian Business Conference that was held in Great Falls in February, 2006 and had approximately 250 attendees. MIBA's partners are comprised of organizations and entities that are interested in promoting Indian business development. They include tribal organizations, tribal governments, state government, non-profits, tribal colleges, Indian owned businesses, Governor Schweitzer's office, lending institutions, consulting firms, consumer credit advocacy agencies, community development agencies, the Federal Reserve Bank and federal agencies. MIBA's sole purpose is to foster development of Indian owned businesses. A new word was coined recently by ONABEN: that word is *Indianpreneur*. An *Indianpreneur* is a concentrated version of Indian and entrepreneur. The path to economic success and stability is steeper in Indian Country. MIBA is a uniquely Montana-specific tool working to "level out" that steep grade and equip Indianpreneurs with resources, data, information and networks to accelerate opportunity and development.

Check out our website at www.mibaonline.org.

If you are interested in becoming a MIBA partner, please contact Maria Valandra at 406-255-5395 or e-mail mvalandra@fib.com.

Native American Business Education a Focus: Conference to be Held in Billings September 5-6

for more information see attachment

Indianpreneur, a Native American Journey into Business, is intended to train instructors to complete business training in communities with a large Indian presence. The intense curriculum for *Indianpreneurs* was developed by national leaders from the American Indian community. Developers say they focused on the strong characteristics of Indian culture and hope to illustrate how they can be applied in the real business world. Areas of focus are marketing, operations and finances.

For more information please contact Philip Belangie at (406) 721-3663.

THE MONTANA AMERICAN INDIAN WOMEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE: Capturing the Vision of Wellness

for more information see attached brochure

Enhancing the lives of American Indian Women by promoting good health and building a bridge of knowledge between American Indians and their health care provider. The conference will be held Friday, October 6, 2006 in the Mansfield Health Education Center located on the St. Vincent Healthcare campus/Yellowstone Medical Center West. Use south entrance, free parking is available. For information contact: Diana Sorensen 406.237.3617, dianasorensen@svh-mt.org or Lita Pepion 406.208.5779, litapepion@hotmail.com

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